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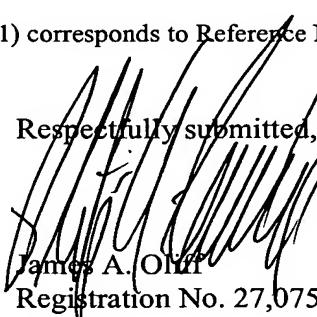
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- 2. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 1-2 are attached hereto.
- 3. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 2.
- 4. Reference No. 1 CN 1288192A (03/21/2001) corresponds to Reference No. 2 JP 2001-051822 A (02/23/2001).

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